

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner objects to the drawings and requires a corrected Fig. 1. Submitted concurrently herewith is an annotated marked-up drawing for Fig. 1 that shows a descriptive label for elements 18, 12, 14 and 36 in Fig. 1. The Examiner also objects to Fig. 1 because the reference character "12" is used more than once in Fig. 1. The attached annotated marked-up drawing submitted herewith employs a different character, "13", to designate the computer station shown at the bottom of Fig. 1. A corresponding change to the specification is made at page 12. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is introduced. Also attached herewith is a replacement drawing, which incorporates the changes to Fig. 1.

Claims 1-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Application amends claims 1, 14 and 28 as the Examiner requires, and respectfully submits that the rejection is obviated. It is respectfully submitted that the claim amendments do not require further search and/or consideration by the Examiner.

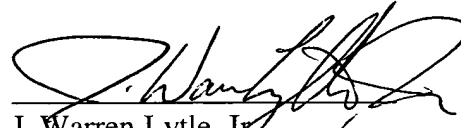
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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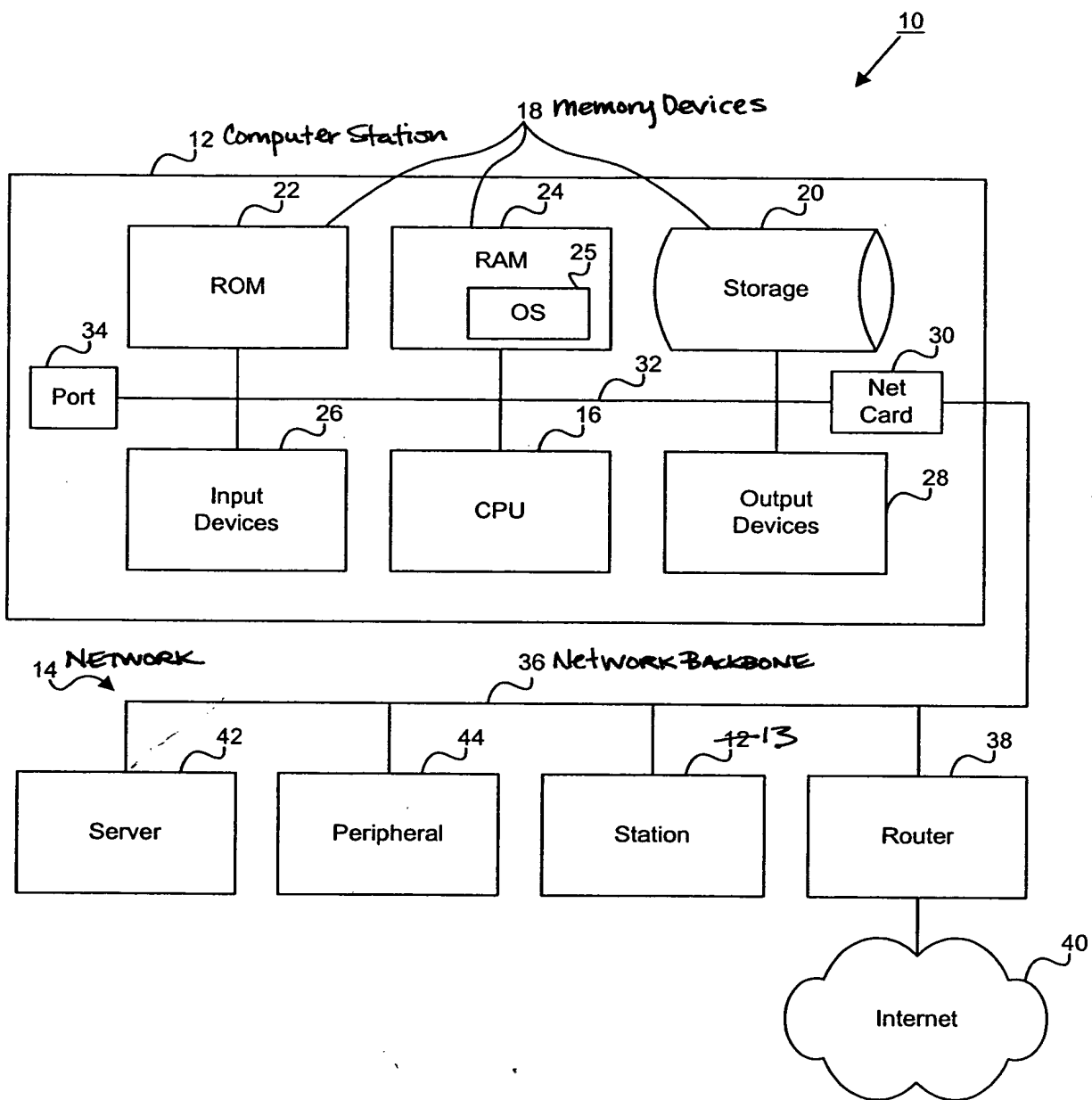


Fig. 1

Approved: CA. 11/3/03.